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SUBJECT: Foelber Publication "Estimates of Soviet Defense Expenditures: Methodological Issues and Policy Implications

1. I am bringing the attached publication to your attention in case you are interested in or have been involved in the issue of the Agency's estimates of Soviet defense spending. The report is unusual, in my opinion, because it was written by an analyst from the Library of Congress. However, Foelber does a good job reviewing the history and the various issues involved in the defense spending controversy.

--He reviews the methodologies of all the actors in the play (CIA, DIA, Bill Lee, etc)

--He analyzes the strengths and weaknesses of the various methods

--He reviews the intended purpose of the different estimates of the intelligence community.

2. Foelber presents an even handed analysis of the subject. The agency is neither discredited nor overly praised. On balance, the bottom line is the that the subject is terribly complex--almost mind-boggling; many of the complex issues have no clearcut answers.

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